




MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: June 6, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(n): Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the use of Prop A 5th District Excess Funds to acquire APN 2582-002-010 in Chapter 8 Agreement 2531, unincorporated Sylmar.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for the use of Prop A 5th District Excess Funds to acquire APN 2582-002-010 in Sombrero Canyon.

Background: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) commonly enters into Chapter 8 Agreements with Los Angeles County to acquire tax defaulted properties. This process is an essential component of the agency's efforts to increase the amount of protected open space in southern California. The MRCA has acquired over 1,500 acres through this process.

The County has provided an Agreement to sign. Chapter 8 Agreement Number 2531 contains an 8.08 acre parcel in an unincorporated part of Sylmar in the City of Los Angeles. This single parcel, APN 2582-002-010, is immediately south of the MRCA's 140 acre Sombrero Canyon property that was donated by the Wildlands Conservancy over four years ago. In order for the County Treasurer and Tax Collector to finalize these agreements, the MRCA must provide a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the parcels.

The 5th Supervisorial District has agreed for the MRCA to use Prop A Excess funds for this important acquisition that would be approximately \$60,000 by the time it is acquired. There should be no maintenance associated with the property. The Chief Ranger has assessed the property for problems via aerial photography.